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SUBJ: EC-NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS DISCUSSION OF CSCE

REFS: (A) COPENHAGEN 227; (B) BELGRADE 8856

1. EC COMMISSION CSCE OFFICIAL WHO ATTENDED JANUARY 10-11 MEETING OF EC-NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS (REF A) HAS BRIEFED US FURTHER ON TWO SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF CSCE DISCUSSION AT THAT MEETING (NEW PROPOSAL ON MEDITERRANEAN AND SITE OF NEXT REVIEW CONFERENCE).

2. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, ORIGINAL FRENCH AND ITALIAN DECISION TO CO-SPONSOR NEW PROPOSAL ON MEDITERRANEAN AT BELGRADE (REF B) WAS TAKEN WITHOUT CONSULTING OTHER MEMBERS OF EC-NINE, WHO SUBSEQUENTLY RAISED CONCERNS OVER
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POSSIBILITY THAT EXPERTS MEETING SUGGESTED IN FRENCH/ ITALIAN CO-SPONSORED PROPOSAL MIGHT DEVELOP INTO FORUM FOR DEBATE ON EC ASSOCIATION AND COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS MEDITERRANEAN STATES. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT POLITICAL DIRECTORS AGREED TO FORMULA UNDER WHICH FRANCE AND ITALY WILL SEEK AGREEMENT BY OTHER CO-SPONSORING STATES (PORTUGAL, SPAIN, TURKEY AND YUGOSLAVIA) TO SUBMIT

AN AMENDMENT SPECIFYING THAT SUGGESTED MEETING OF EXPERTS SHOULD DN NO WAY IMPINGE ON EXISTING BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS. OUR SOURCE COMMENTED THAT THOSE FOUR STATES HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING OF EC CONCERNS ON THIS MATTER.

3. ON QUESTION OF SITE FOR NEXT REVIEW CONFERENCE, OUR SOURCE SAID POLITICAL DIRECTORS AGREED THAT EC SHOULD SUPPORT VIENNA AS ALTERNATE CHOICE IF MADRID CANDIDACY IS BLOCKED. HE SAID POLITICAL DIRECTORS ALSO AGREED THAT, IF EC IS COMPELLED TO SHIFT SUPPORT TO NEUTRAL CAPITAL (VIENNA), IT SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT IT EXPECTS ANY SUBSEQUENT REVIEW CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN EITHER A NATO OR A WARSAW PACT CAPITAL. (OUR SOURCE COMMENTED, IN THIS REGARD, THAT NONE OF THE NINE ARE CURRENTLY WILLING TO HOST SUCH A MEETING.) HINTON

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